

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Therefore, the conventional manufacturing process has a disadvantage that the oblique head portions and oblique end portions, particularly those at innermost radial side go beyond the inner ~~circumference~~ circumferential surface of the stator core, thereby making it difficult to insert the rotor into the inside of the stator core and causing an interference of oblique head and end portions with a cooling fan provided on an end surface of the rotor.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 28, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Summarizing the bending process, the end portions of the segment 33 are rotated, displaced and brought down along the circumferential direction. Then, the end portions are displaced along the circumferential and axial directions and are then, deeply brought down. Then, the end portions are displaced along the circumferential ~~and axial~~ and axial directions and are then, excessively deeply brought down. Then, the end portions are brought back at a prescribed positions.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 30, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Although the axial length of the linear portion 33b is ~~being~~ reduced during the bending process, the nail 160 does not fail to hold the tip of the head portion 33a due to the pushing plate 16 pushing down the tip of the head portion 33a.

Please replace the Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract.